

Application No.: 10/518,436  
Amtdt dated: December 19, 2007

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

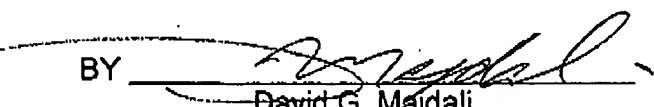
On December 18, 2007, the Examiner telephoned Applicants to recommend an Examiner's Amendment to independent Claims 1, 15, 36 and 47. More particularly, the Examiner requested that the claims be amended to include a surface opposite the mating teeth of the one-way ratchet mechanism. In view of the Examiner's request, Applicants propose amending, and not narrowing, independent Claims 1, 15, 36 and 47 to include "a non-engaging surface opposite the mating teeth," in order to place these claims in condition for allowance. Full support for the amendments is found in the Claims, Specification, and drawings as originally filed or are inherent characteristics thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney might expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

Sincerely

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